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Message

From: Tampio, A Jesse [TampioAJ@state.gov]
Sent: 6/20/2017 6:44:00 PM
To: Salie, David P [SalieDP@state.gov]; Hankinson, Simon R [HankinsonSR@state.gov]; Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad) [RiedmannSR@state.gov]
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Subject: RE: RE: Baghdad update 6/16

All: Here is the standard talking point on the ICAO standard we've used for recent demarches to other countries:

-- The International Civil Aviation Organization has promulgated a standard under the Chicago Convention providing that Contracting States, when requested to provide travel documents to facilitate the return of one of their nationals, shall respond within a reasonable period of time and not more than 30 days after such a request was made either by issuing a travel document or by satisfying the requesting State that the person concerned is not one of its nationals. We request that XXXX, as an ICAO Member State, comply with this standard.

To explain further, the Chicago Convention provides ICAO with authority to promulgate Annexes to the Convention that contain Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). Standards are binding on ICAO Member States *unless* they have filed a "difference" with ICAO on how their domestic law differs from the ICAO standards (Recommended Practices are never binding). The only States to have filed differences to Standard 5.26 (quoted below by Simon) are China and the UK. So technically it is binding on Iraq, but given that Iraq maintains the option to opt out, we try to fudge the issue slightly in the talking point.

Our demarches also include this broader international law point but as Simon notes, I believe we try to avoid getting pinned down on exactly where this obligation comes from. Copying Anna in L/HRR if she wants to add more on this.

-- The U.S. government believes that under international law every state is obligated to accept the return of all its nationals who are not eligible to remain in the United States or in any other country.

Thanks, Jesse

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From: Salie, David P
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Cc: Farmer, Floyd S; Fenzel, Andrew D; Shea, Peter T; Clinton, Julius A; 'George, Christopher'; Koontz, Bryan K; Weiller, Brigid R (Baghdad); Tampio, A Jesse
Subject: RE: RE: Baghdad update 6/16

+ Jesse Tampio (L/EB).

Jesse knows ICAO better than I, but because it is a "Convention," my understanding is that it is generally binding. However, Jesse (and EB) might be able to explain better certain other policy reasons that impact how and whether the USG would invoke ICAO to force these issues.

The international legal obligation is that countries accept the return of their nationals who are ineligible to remain in the United States or any other country.

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From: Hankinson, Simon R
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 10:59 AM
To: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad); Salie, David P
Cc: Farmer, Floyd S; Fenzel, Andrew D; Shea, Peter T; Miller, Andrew T; Clinton, Julius A; 'George, Christopher'; Koontz, Bryan K; Weiller, Brigid R (Baghdad)
Subject: RE: RE: Baghdad update 6/16

+ David Salie (L/CA)

Scott – the ICAO thing is a standard which we ask countries to adhere to. It is not binding and they can file a "difference" if they want. Our basis for the claim that it is 'international law' that countries have to take back their nationals when asked is, frankly, rather tenuous and hard to briefly articulate.

Simon

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From: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad)
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 5:33 AM
To: Koontz, Bryan K; 'George, Christopher'; Clinton, Julius A; Weiller, Brigid R (Baghdad)
Cc: Farmer, Floyd S; Fenzel, Andrew D; Hankinson, Simon R; Shea, Peter T; Miller, Andrew T
Subject: RE: RE: Baghdad update 6/16

Bryan,

I did not know when writing this email, but we have a copy of ICAO's Annex 9 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation. Chapter 5 deals with deportees and states:

*5.22 - A Contracting State shall admit into its territory its nationals who have been deported from another state.
5.26 – A Contracting State shall, when requested to provide travel documents to facilitate the return of one of its nationals, respond within a reasonable period of time and not more than 30 days after such a request was made either by issuing a travel document or by satisfying the requesting State that the person concerned is not one of its nationals.*

I am still curious to see what L says, but I think this is pretty clear.

Sorry for not having this earlier.

Best,

Scott

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From: Koontz, Bryan K
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 3:25 AM
To: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad); 'George, Christopher'; Clinton, Julius A; Weiller, Brigid R (Baghdad)
Cc: Farmer, Floyd S; Fenzel, Andrew D; Hankinson, Simon R; Shea, Peter T; Miller, Andrew T
Subject: RE: Baghdad update 6/16

Scott,

We've tried to answer your questions as best we could with our opinions on the various issues. Our replies are in red below. CA has cleared on these answers. Ideally, we would have liked to have cleared all of this with the various L offices before returning them to you, but wanted you to have the info as quickly as possible.

Thanks,

Bryan

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From: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad)
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2017 10:43 AM
To: 'George, Christopher'; Clinton, Julius A; Weiller, Brigid R (Baghdad)
Cc: Farmer, Floyd S; Koontz, Bryan K; Fenzel, Andrew D; Hankinson, Simon R; Shea, Peter T; Miller, Andrew T
Subject: RE: Baghdad update 6/16

Hello All,

I arrived a few days ago and am succeeding Andy, who will depart in a day or so. I am trying to convince him to stay, but no luck so far.

Anyway, we huddled today and Ambassador Silliman, as well as the rest of us, are drilling down on this and seeking clarity on some details. **Specifically, the Ambo was asked the following questions by Amb. Yaseen:**

--What happens to someone who may have committed a crime, fulfilled the sentence, been released and has since perhaps married and has Amcit children and/or spouse? Is there any allowance for this? All such information will have been taken into consideration during the review process. The manner of the subject's arrival, violation of their status, any steps to remediate that status, as well as any mitigating factors will have been covered by the court during the decision and appellate process. People who have received final orders of removal will most often have had several opportunities to convince the court as to why they should be allowed to remain in the U.S., and failed to do so.

-- Some of the deportation orders may be old. Is there a statute of limitations on these orders? We thought not but would like to confirm. There is no statute of limitations on an order of departure. The person remains in violation of their status until they are removed from the U.S. -- since their status is not amended, the order remains valid until executed, or until the court withdraws it for some reason.

-- The Iraqis are concerned by the large number of deportees this time around as opposed to last time (8 vice 75). They are wondering if it would be possible to regularize the process, by which we would deport in tranches of say 40 or 50, which they would deem a more manageable number? As well, would it be possible to handle the simple, straight forward cases first? That is, those cases where it is clear the individual is Iraqi, committed a crime recently or had a recent deportation order. There's a cost equation to this -- when ICE charts an aircraft, their options are limited. They have the option of chartering smaller, business aircraft which can handle 8 passengers, or much larger aircraft that can handle up to 200. Our hope is to remove about 100-50 per month until we eliminate the backlog. There is no difference between a crime committed 30 years ago and one committed yesterday in terms of violating the status and subjecting the person to removal. The order in which individuals are detained for removal is up to ICE; the first flight in April were individuals already in detention, but since then ICE has detailed Iraqis in a number of cities with high concentrations (it seems).

-- As well, was there some method for determining who would be deported first? Why were these specific 75 chosen for initial deportation? The initial priority removals (in April) were of those already in U.S. custody who had periods for incarceration running on them, i.e. those who had to be removed before they were ordered released by the courts. The rest of the removals are being processed in the order they are detained. Bear in mind that the majority of the people who have these final orders are not currently in custody, but are being processed for removal as they are being arrested.

-- Is denying these deportees Iraqi citizenship documents a violation of some international agreements? For example, I think we have been suggesting that issuance of citizenship docs (ppts) is required under ICAO. If so, this would be a useful point for us to make. We have contacted L to consult on this one, but we think you're correct. I'll advise as soon as we get their reply.

I am sure other questions will arise, but any information related to these questions/issues would be useful for us.

Many thanks,

Scott

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From: Shea, Peter T
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 5:19 PM
To: Miller, Andrew T; 'George, Christopher'; Clinton, Julius A; Weiller, Brigid R (Baghdad)
Cc: Farmer, Floyd S; Koontz, Bryan K; Fenzel, Andrew D; Hankinson, Simon R; Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad)
Subject: RE: Baghdad update 6/16

Andrew --

When DAS Pennington and Bryan met Amb Yaseen earlier this week, there was no hint that the GOI might be backing away from its commitment to proceed. Of course he was concerned about all the press coverage, and we gave him talking points that seemed to suffice. He had not received any new/different instructions from Baghdad. Correct Bryan?

Andrew, do you know when Amb Silliman spoke to Amb Yaseen? When we last discussed the specific element of lists (a week or two back -- before the media kerfuffle), Amb. Yaseen said he needed to *receive that information from MFA/MOI*. At first he asked us if we had a list, then immediately he corrected himself and said "no no, wait, its better if this come from Baghdad." We said we'd pass that way. So I am not so confident Yaseen will issue travel docs without Baghdad's guidance. He'd be going out on a limb. Please let us know when Amb Silliman had that conversation.

Thanks
Peter

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From: Miller, Andrew T
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 7:54 AM
To: 'George, Christopher'; Clinton, Julius A; Weiller, Brigid R (Baghdad)
Cc: Farmer, Floyd S; Koontz, Bryan K; Fenzel, Andrew D; Hankinson, Simon R; Shea, Peter T; Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad)
Subject: Baghdad update 6/16

Hello,
Adding new Baghdad CG Scott Riedmann and Iraq desk director Peter Shea. I just talked to Ambassador Silliman, who relayed a conversation he had with Iraqi Ambassador to the U.S. Farid Yaseen. Ambassador Yaseen has offered to provide the travel documents for the deportees from Washington, without waiting for go ahead from Baghdad. He needs the information on who is to be deported, so they can research and confirm citizenship.

I would recommend that a combined State/ICE group meet with or provide the Ambassador that information as soon as possible. The first attachment is Chris's full manifest for the June charter. The second is a version I cut down to send to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Baghdad. That has only bio information on the passengers. The third is one example of the packets we have received from ICE to send to the Ministry. They are very nicely detailed, and the information on citizenship varies from person to person. In this case, citizenship was confirmed by a twelve year old fax from the Iraqi Embassy itself!

This is different from what the Iraqis had told us in April, I know, that they could only move if so directed by the MFA in Baghdad. But it seems the Iraqi Ambassador is trying to be helpful, and if we can have the players in Washington sharing the information on this group of deportees, that can at least take the logistical concerns off the table. Ambassador Silliman is back and will be looking for senior people to remind the Iraqis of their commitment to make this happen.
Thanks, Andy

-----Original Message-----

From: George, Christopher [mailto:Christopher.George@ice.dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 5:12 PM
To: Miller, Andrew T; Clinton, Julius A; Weiller, Brigid R (Baghdad)
Cc: Farmer, Floyd S; Koontz, Bryan K; Fenzel, Andrew D; Hankinson, Simon R
Subject: RE: Baghdad update

Good day Andy,

Attached is the list of the names for the flight in June. Our max number we can send back for this specific flight is 75, but as issues arise and some cases get cut from the list, we will pull from the list of alternates to ensure we can go with a max full flight. All of the cases on the attached list have been sent over and we included any citizenship documents, or biographical information in the absence of citizenship documents.

Best Regards,
Chris

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From: Miller, Andrew T [mailto:MillerAT@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 9:48 AM
To: Clinton, Julius A; Weiller, Brigid R (Baghdad)
Cc: George, Christopher; Farmer, Floyd S; Koontz, Bryan K; Fenzel, Andrew D; Hankinson, Simon R
Subject: Baghdad update

Hello Julius,

I wanted to give you an update from here. We talked to Brigid's primary POC in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, reminding him of our dipnote of May which noted the June flight, and letting him know another note with more names was on its way. We reminded him that the Prime Minister had promised our Ambassador that deportations would resume. His response was that with such a large number this time there were important identity and logistical issues to arrange, and the best he could offer was a meeting at MFA next week with all the Iraqi players. He was very concerned that anyone deported is truly an Iraqi. He offered several times that delaying this flight would give them more room. I didn't take the bait. The roundups in Detroit over the weekend got some big play in the media here, and that may play into their reticence. He was alarmed about the media stalking out the airport and watching for the flight, as well as getting adequate reception facilities for dozens of deportees.

For our part, we are trying to get our Charge to meet with the Foreign Minister to underscore the importance of this happening on time.

On our side, the sooner you can provide a list of actual names for that flight, (for which you have already provided what citizenship documents you have for the cases you've sent) the better prepared we can be to get the identity/nationality piece dealt with, and get them focused on the other logistics.

Thanks,
Andy Miller
Baghdad Consul General

-----Original Message-----

From: Clinton, Julius A [<mailto:JAClinto@ice.dhs.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 2:17 PM

To: Weiller, Brigid R (Baghdad)

Cc: George, Christopher; Farmer, Floyd S; Koontz, Bryan K; Fenzel, Andrew D; Hankinson, Simon R; Miller, Andrew T

Subject: RE: Hello

I have no idea where that MFA statement came from. I will ask John where it came from. I don't think anyone in this shop is too worried about it, unless you confirmed that it was in fact true. As long as the flights continue to flow, my bosses will be happy. ICE Air was instructed to lock this June plane in and are on the hook (money wise) for that flight. We will have a call soon so everyone can be updated.

Respectfully,

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From: Weiller, Brigid R (Baghdad) [<mailto:WeillerBR@state.gov>]

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 5:40 PM

To: Clinton, Julius A

Cc: George, Christopher; Farmer, Floyd S; Koontz, Bryan K; Fenzel, Andrew D; Hankinson, Simon R; Miller, Andrew T

Subject: Re: Hello

The MFA wrote yesterday and said that the flight "decision" is with "top Iraqi officials." Our front office was briefed and we are engaging to push the issue.

This will take time to sort out so please bear with us on this end.

I am about to get on a flight to Rome and will check in with you tomorrow.

Do you know where the info re the MFA's reported comments came from?

Thanks in advance for the goodies.

Brigid

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Clinton, Julius A

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 11:28 AM

To: Weiller, Brigid R (Baghdad)

Cc: George, Christopher; Farmer, Floyd S

Subject: Hello

Greetings Brigid,

On a side note we have a question, have you heard anything regarding Iraq backing out of the charter missions? DAD Schultz is answering a message regarding the Ministry of Foreign Affairs allegedly stating that there is no agreement with the US Government. There has already been a tons of protests here, so I am sure the bad press is making it back to Baghdad.

Respectfully,

Julius A. Clinton

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